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Application Number 09/879,438**Filing Date** 06/12/2001**First Named Inventor** M. Miettinen et al.**Art Unit** 2173**Examiner Name** Thai, Cuong T.**Attorney Docket Number** 836-010339-US (PAR)**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**

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- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

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